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In re the Application of: **Shuji SAITO** et al.

Serial Number: **09/147,052**

Filed: **April 5, 1999**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Examiner: **HINES, J.**

For: **NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR, RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 5, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001, the period for response having been reset to June 19, 2002 by the filing of a Notice of Appeal on April 19, 2002, for two months from June 19, 2002 to August 19, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$1,140.00 (\$400.00 + \$740.00) to cover the cost of the extension and the Request for Continued Examination. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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